

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lever-operated paper punch comprising:

a base plate having a female die, at a lower end of the female die formed with a slit for defining a space for insertion of documents;

5 a male die provided at its top surface with a flange, and at a lower end of the male die defined with a punch portion, a spring mounted on the male die, such that the male die can be movably disposed in the female die of the base plate;

 a cover disposed on the base plate and provided at its front end
10 with a hole, a punch hole formed on the cover for engaging with the flange of the male die;

 a hook pin for engaging in the hole of the cover with its hook portion protruding there out;

 a spring compressively biased on the hook pin;

15 a lever including an engaging portion connected with a push portion, the engaging portion rotatably engaged in the hook portion of the hook pin, on the push portion with corresponding to the flange of the male die defined with an abutting portion for abutting against and driving the male die.

20 2. The lever-operated paper punch as claimed in claim 1, wherein at a free end of the engaging portion thereof a notch is defined, at proximity to the notch is defined with an engaging hole, a rib is formed between the engaging hole and the notch for engaging in the gap of the

hook pin, the notch serves to engage with the hook portion of the hook pin.

3. The lever-operated paper punch as claimed in claim 1, wherein at the connecting portion of the engaging portion with the push
5 portion is defined with a projection for abutting against the top surface of the cover.

4. The lever-operated paper punch as claimed in claim 1, wherein at the lower end of the base plate is provided with an engaging portion for engaging with a protecting cover.

10 5. The lever-operated paper punch as claimed in claim 1, wherein at the lower end of the base plate is provided with an engaging portion for being engaged with a bed die, on the bed die is further formed with a projection that protruding into the slit of the base body for insertion of documents.

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